# **Facilitators Chat Sheet**

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# **Workshop Reminders**

There are six projects up for bid on Friday, March 21 before the ADOT Board.

#### **PEP Update**

The team assessment goal and feedback form is the tool that is used to track areas of concern or need to improve and acknowledge the areas where they are succeeding. It is very easy to use. Years ago, it was optional to include your name or not. The Partnering Advisory Committee (PAC) determined that it was no longer optional and that names are required on the forms. Please remind your participants at workshops and staff meetings to sign your PEP form. After you enter your goals and subgoals online, you can print the PEP forms directly from the system. Or, you can download the updated form from the Partnering website, the link is Fine Tuned Partnering Process – PEP form. Please discard your old PEP forms and use the new forms on the website.

http://www.azdot.gov/ccpartnerships/partnering/PDF/PEP/PEP\_Construction.pdf

# **Facilitator Information**

The decentralizing process of coordination of Partnering Workshops to the District/Org level seems to be a smooth transition. The new contract for Meeting and Conference Planners (MCP) was distributed in January to the District Champions and Office Managers. The MCP vendors are coordinating the meeting facilities and food caterers for the construction workshops. The feedback has been positive from the District Orgs and there haven't been any unusual issues to solve. If you do have a coordination issue, please bring it to our attention, so we can track what is happening out in the field.

The Partnering Office will continue to procure the facilitator for the workshop. As always all costs will be shared by the Org and the construction contractor.

Please direct all workshop related correspondence and questions to Michael Carter at (602) 712-8957.

# <u>Acronyms</u>

Al Asphalt Institute

ACPA American Concrete Pavement Association

Building Information Modeling

FDR Full-depth reclamation- cement

**HMA** Hot Mix Asphalt

HIPR Hot In-Place Recycling

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design- Green Buildings

NSSGA National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association

NAR National Asphalt Roadmap

Regional Transportation Commission

Subsurface Utility Engineering

U.S. Green Building Council

#### **Roads and Streets Conference**

The Construction conference sponsored by ACEC will be held on March 19, 20, 21 at the Westin La Paloma Resort, 3800 E. Sunrise Dr, Tucson, AZ. Please register at <a href="https://www.acecaz.org">www.acecaz.org</a>

# **Education and Events**

**Partnering Classes** 

Introduction to Partnering class will be March 18 from 8:00- 12:00 at HRDC.

How to Make Partnering Work in the Field class is March 25 8:00 – 4:30 at HRDC.

Conducting a Partnering Workshop class is April 29 & 30 from 8:00 - 4:30 at HRDC.

Leaders Guide to Issue Resolution class will be on June 17 from 8:00 - 4:30 at HRDC.

**Please note:** the new Partnering Trainer, Patty Stansfield, will be coordinating the transition with the current trainers to take over the class training responsibilities, in accordance with the request from the Governors' Office last year.

Contact Michelle Fink at 602-712- 8224 for more information and to reserve your seat for the classes. <a href="http://www.azdot.gov/Inside\_ADOT/Training/OED/map.asp">http://www.azdot.gov/Inside\_ADOT/Training/OED/map.asp</a>

The Arizona Tribal Strategic Partnering Team (ATSTP) will hold the 2008 Tribal Transportation Forum and Safety Summit on May 13, 14 and 15, 2008 at the Francisco Grande Hotel & Golf Resort at 26000 W. Gila Bend Highway, Casa Grande, AZ. ADOT Director, Victor Mendez will provide the Welcome and Opening Remarks and Governor Napolitano has been invited as the keynote luncheon speaker on May 14. The registration website is: http://ttap.colostate.edu/ParticipantRegistration.cfm?ConfRegID=prth57d

# <u>Acknowledgements</u>

The State of Arizona is under a total hiring freeze until notified by the Governor. The Partnering Office does not know when the Workshop Coordinator(s) or the Office Coordinator positions will be filled. Until then, **Michael Carter** will continue to book the facilitators for the construction workshops and slowly transition into the PEP Coordinator position. In addition, other staff members will assist in the coordinating the facilitators.

The Partnering Office would like to extend our gratitude to **Cheryl Williams**, whose last day was March 14, for her assistance in the Partnering Office for the last six months. Cheryl's assignment cannot be renewed due to the budget and hiring freeze. Cheryl, we will miss you and wish you the best of luck.

**Thank you** for your continued commitment to and support of the Partnering Principles and to our stakeholders. Partnering Consultant/Facilitators and Champions – Your feedback is important to us. We want to hear those comments! Feedback related to the Chat Sheet can be emailed to mfink@azdot.gov

#### ADOT in the News

#### I-17 Closure at Carefree Bridge on March 15

Yavapai Broadcasting conducted a phone interview with Rod Wigman, ADOT Flagstaff Public Information Officer, about how quickly the Carefree Bridge was taken down and how fast the road was open from what was predicted. Rod provided the following points:

- ADOT and the construction company knew this would impact traffic heavily on the I-17 corridor, so workers maximized their abilities to get it open sooner.
- ADOT does not currently have any other projects of this type on the I-17 corridor between Anthem and the 101 interchange, which will have this type of impact.

 ADOT is working on I-17 between Anthem and the 101 interchange----construction conditions should be anticipated.

# **ADOT in the News - continued**

KJZZ radio contacted Laura Douglas on Sunday, March 16 for a follow up story on the early reopening of I-17 at the Carefree Highway. Laura provided the following points:

- ADOT and Pulice Construction recognized the impact this closure had on the public and worked to
  do everything possible to lessen the time of the closure. A lot of advance planning went into this
  project to make it happen safely and quickly, because of the vital link I-17 provides for the Valley and
  the state.
- Work to bring down the 40-year-old bridge started just after the freeway was closed at 11 p.m. on Friday. By early Saturday morning, the steel bridge was mostly down and crews were able to begin the process of clean up.
- Both directions of I-17 were open by 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and traffic was quickly returned to normal. During the closure, more than 300 calls came into our hotline, where project team members provided estimated delay times and passed along problems motorists were noticing.

In connection with the closure of I-17 at the Carefree Highway over the weekend, Tim Tait, Brock Barnhart, Laura Douglas, Julian Avila, Doug Nintzel and ADOT's statewide public information team worked with reporters to announce the closure of the interstate and reopening some 20 hours later. ADOT PIO's provided on-site tours to reporters and photographers from these outlets: The Arizona Republic, TV3, TV5, TV10, TV12 and TV15. Coverage was reported by statewide media as a result of phone contacts with those outlets and the Associated Press, which was given on-the-hour updates on the progress of crews and anticipated wait time for motorists.

Congratulations CCP Public Information Team

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